

50th Anniversary of Indian Republic, 43 Governmental/Non-Governmental organisations were given grant-in-aid.

(c) and (d) During the year long celebrations, various Committees/Sub-Committees/Task Forces comprising official/non-official members were constituted by the Chariman, Implementation Committee. Travelling allowance was paid to the members of these Committees as shown below:—

- (i) Officials — Rs. 2,07,000/-
- (ii) Non-officials — Rs. 35,30,785/-

(e) No, sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Meagre amount being spent in protecting old monuments of Orissa

3624. **SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of the Department of Tourism and Culture is lying unutilised, which is sanctioned for different tourism centres of Orissa including Udaygiri, Lalitgiri and Ratnagiri Golden Triangle, which are old Buddhist monasteries, Konarak Temple, Jagannath Mandir, Puri and Lingaraj Temple, Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of India has spent lowest amount in the country to protect old monuments in Orissa; and

(c) what is the total fund allocated for Orissa State for protection of old monuments and development of tourist centres in the years from 1995 to 2001, year-wise and tourist centre-wise in comparison to other States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development of tourist Centres is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. The details of financial

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assistance provided by the Department of Tourism for different tourism infrastructure projects at various tourist centres in Orissa during the years from 1995-2001 are given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1995-96	4	108.86	54.00
1996-97	19	452.28	112.65
1997-98	25	538.05	173.00
1998-99	4	170.60	52.30
1999-2000	16	296.95	83.44
2000-2001	3	111.94	33.57

Many sanctioned projects are in various stages of implementation.

(b) and (c) No Sir, the allotment of funds for conservation of the centrally protected monuments in different States depends upon the actual conservation requirements of the protected monuments.

The expenditure incurred by Archaeological Survey of India on the structural repairs of the centrally protected monuments in Orissa during the last six years are as under:—

1995-96	Rs. 66,39,978.00
1996-97	Rs. 93,84,269.00
1997-98	Rs. 37,51,680.00
1998-99	Rs. 50,78,001.00
1999-2000	Rs. 1,08,00,000.00
2000-2001	Rs. 61,62,423.00